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Honorable Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Zone, NORTHEAST HODGE FIELD,
Jackson Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

SKLAR EXPLORATION COMPANY, L.L.C. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Zone in the Northeast Hodge Field, Jackson Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Peel No. 1 Well as a substitute unit well for HOSS SUM at the location shown on an attached plat.
2. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Louisiana Minerals Ltd. No. 1 Well as a substitute unit well for HOSS SUQ at the location shown on an attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 930, effective June 1, 1974.
3. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Ewing No. 1 Well as a substitute unit well for HOSS SUR at the location shown on an attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 930, effective June 1, 1974.
4. To find that each of the proposed substitute unit wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston Zone underlying the unit on which it is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
5. To designate Sklar Exploration Company, L.L.C., as Operator of HOSS SUM, HOSS SUQ and HOSS SUR.
6. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Hosston Zone in the Northeast Hodge Field, Jackson Parish, Louisiana, was fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 930, effective June 1, 1974.

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Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Sklar Exploration Company, L.L.C., 416 Edwards Street, Suite 1601, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101. Any person desiring to inspect such data should call Mr. Cory Ezell at (318) 227-8668 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

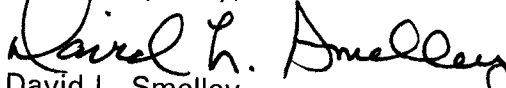
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the attached plats, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the attached plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Northeast Hodge Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Sklar Exploration Company, L.L.C.

DLS:dp

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Darrell Garrett (w/encls.)
Mr. Cory Ezell (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

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SKLAR EXPLORATION CO., LLC ————— HOSS SUM; PEEL No. 1

of Section 2, Township 15 North, Range 3 West,

X = 1,954,944.58591
Y = 0,598,300.24518
Converted by Corpecon Program,
Version 4.1, NAD 27, from scaled
Latitude and Longitude as shown.

**SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL PLAT
HOSS SUM
HOSSTON ZONE
NORTHEAST HODGE FIELD
JACKSON PARISH, LOUISIANA**

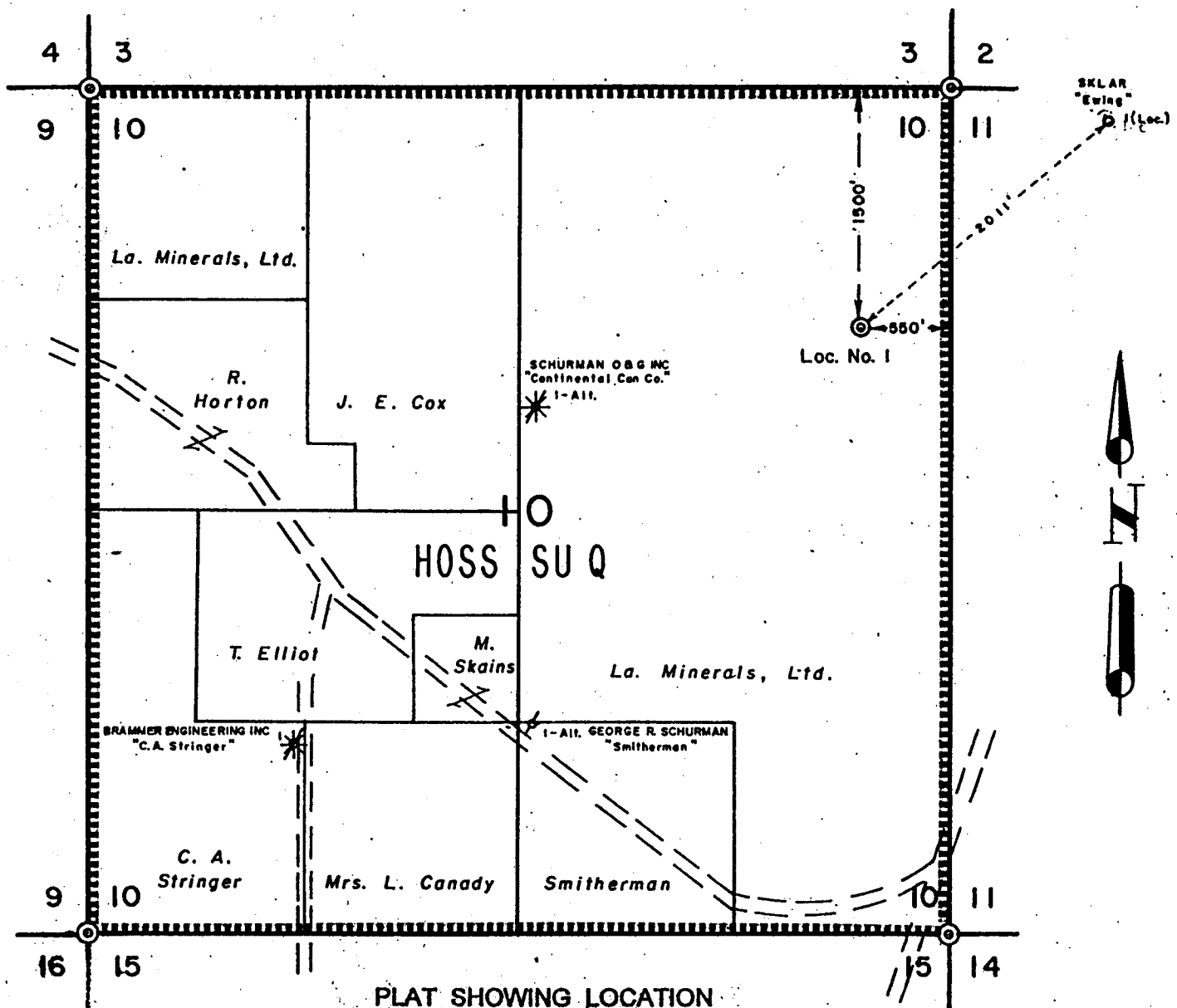
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Ground Elevation No. 1 = 283.6 ft.

Date : May 1, 2001

Scale : 1" = 1000'

SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST
JACKSON PARISH, LOUISIANA



PLAT SHOWING LOCATION

SKLAR EXPLORATION CO., L.L.C.-HOSS SUQ;LA. MINERALS, LTD. No. 1

Located 1500 ft. from the North line and 550 ft. from the East line

of Section 10, Township 15 North, Range 3 West,

Jackson Parish, Louisiana.

Latitude = 32° 18' 09" North X = 1,951,678.76789
Longitude = 92° 39' 23" West Y = 0,595,071.15576
Scaled from Jonesboro North, LA USGS Quad
Sheet No. 32093-C6-TF-024, NAD 27
Converted by Carlson Program
Version 4.1, NAD 27, from scaled
Latitude and Longitude as shown.

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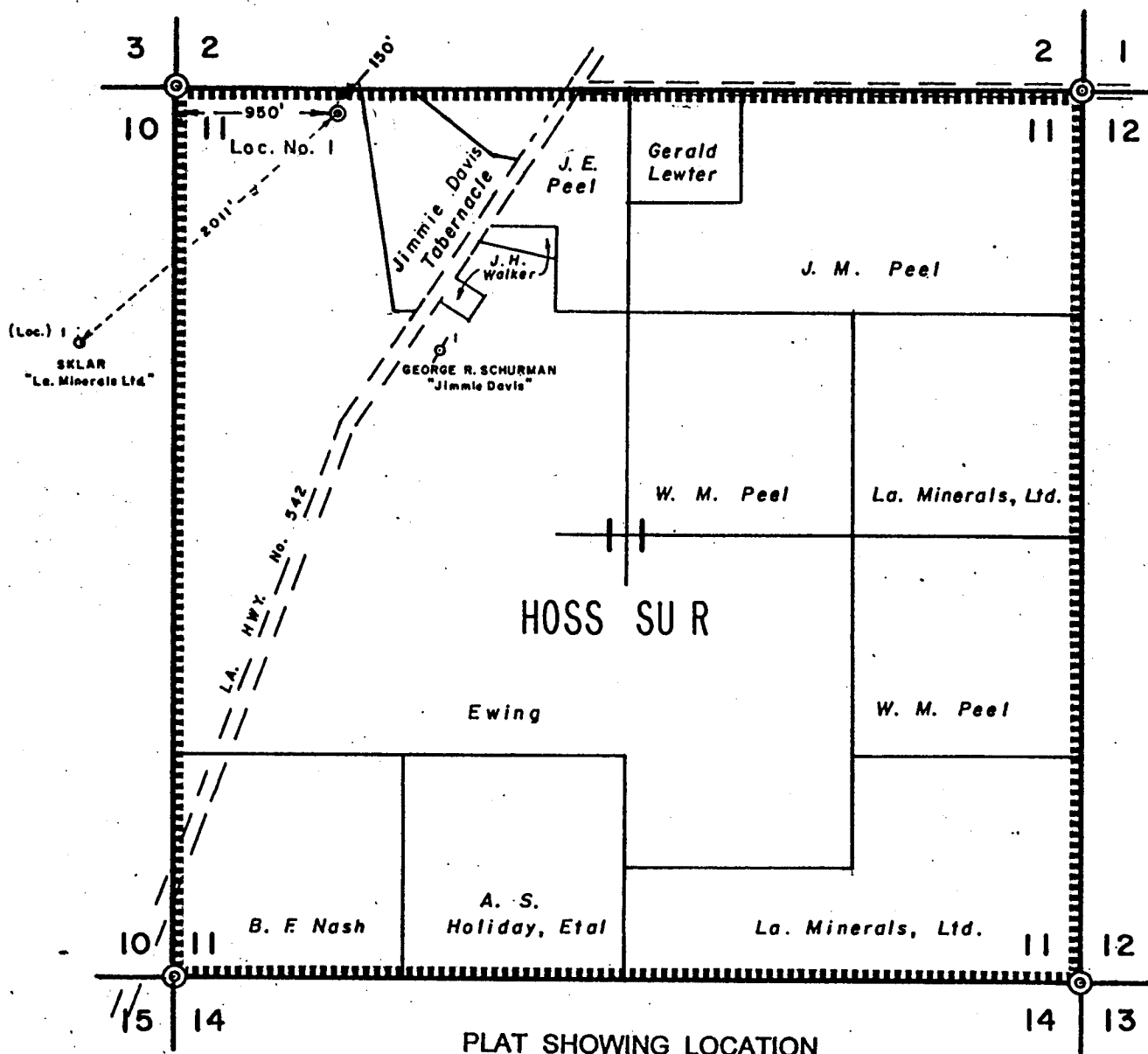
Ground Elevation No. 1 = 245.2 ft.

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Date: April 12, 2001

Scale: 1" = 1000'

SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST
JACKSON PARISH, LOUISIANA



SKLAR EXPLORATION CO., L.L.C. ————— HOS S U R; EWING No. 1

Located 150 ft. from the North line and 950 ft. from the West line

of Section 11, Township 15 North, Range 3 West,

Jackson Parish, Louisiana.

Latitude = 32° 18' 23" North
Longitude = 92° 39' 05" West
Sourced from Jonesboro North, La. USGS Quad
Sheet No. 32093-C6-TF-024, NAD 27

X = 1,953,225.64933
Y = 0,596,483.67714
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Version 4.1, NAD 27, from scaled
Latitude and Longitude as shown.

SKLAR EXPLORATION COMPANY, L.L.C.

SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL PLAT
HOS S U R
HOSSTON ZONE
NORTHEAST HODGE FIELD
JACKSON PARISH, LOUISIANA

Ground Elevation No. 1 = 292.6 ft.

Revised: May 14, 2001

Date: April 12, 2001

Scale: 1" = 1000'